

As an independent ISP subscriber, I am opposed to the request by BellSouth. Not only would their request eliminate all competition by independent ISP's, it would guaranty a price increase across the country as there would no longer be competition from local independent ISP's. I use the services of these independents as they provide better customer service and pricing. I ask you to reject the request of BellSouth as it would be the beginning of the end for local IPS's and cause great harm to end customers. It would also authorize BellSouth to become a monopoly, which last time I checked was in violation of FTC rules.